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SBA Honors New Preferred Lender

Green Lake: Green Lake State Bank was honored on Thursday, February 9, 2006 by the U.S. Small Business Administration for attaining Preferred Lender status with SBA. In a ceremony at Green Lake State Bank, SBA District Director Eric Ness and Lead Business Development Specialist Jim Simelton presented a plaque to Green Lake State Bank's Chairman Merlin Zitzner, President Terrence Williamson, and other Bank officers and directors.

The Preferred Lenders Program (PLP) is another step in SBA's process of "streamlining" the procedures necessary to provide financial assistance to the small business community. Under PLP, SBA delegates loan approval, closing, and most servicing and liquidation authority and responsibility to these carefully selected lenders. Green Lake State Bank is one of SBA's most active and expert lenders which qualifies them as a preferred lender.

Green Lake State Bank has been an integral part of the community since 1902. They offer a wide array of products and services. They work closely with their customers and continually watch for ways in which they can provide services and products that will benefit their clients.

According to Terry Williamson, President of Green Lake State Bank, "The SBA lending programs have allowed our bank to provide our customers with more financing options and properly structure their credit needs to meet their cash flow."

SBA's Eric Ness said, "We are extremely proud to recognize Green Lake State Bank as a preferred lender and look forward to a long and rewarding association."

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